Amount of Special Allowance of Parliament Assistants

355. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : will the PRIME MINISTER 1 pleased to stale:

(a) whether it is a fact that special allowance payable to Parliament Assistants in various Ministries was fixed long ago;

(b) if so, when it was fixed and what were the basic features of fixation of the amount at that time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all of these features continue to remain same but the monetary value of the amount fixed then has considerably reduced to negligible point how;

(d) what was the amount fixed and what is the present monetary value of that amount in comparison to that at the time of fixation; and

(e) whether Government would take Suo Motu steps to revise the allowance com mensurate with the nature of duties and responsibilities assigned to the Parliament Assistants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (e) Rates of Special Allowances have been revised in August, 1978 and thereafter in April, 1986 (giving retrospective effect to the revised rates from 7-10-80). The present rates are Rs. 300 p.m. for Assistants and Rs. 225 n,m. far UDCs The Staff Side had raised a demand in the Departmental Council of Department of Personnel & Training in 1996 for an increase in the allowance. Since the demand was not accepted, it was referred to Board of Arbitration as per JCM Scheme.

Performance of Industries in the Country

*356 SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of major, medium and small scale industries in the country, State-wise;

(b) what is the total number of persons employed in the major, medium and small scale industries, State-wise;

(c) what is the annual amount of foreign exchange earned by the major, medium and small scale industries in the country;

(d) what is the total number of sick units in each of these industries identified during 1991, 1992 and 1993; and

(e) what is the total number of employees rendered unemployed so far due to closure of the units, if any, in the major, medium and small scale industries in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Statement showing total number of industries and number of persons employed, state-wise.

SI. No.	State	Total No. of Non-SSI Units with	Employment	No. of registered SSI Units with	employment
1,	Andaman & Nicobar Island	52	(5377)	852	(1672)
2.	Andhra Pradesh	16007	(816613)	107372	(276127)
3.	Arunachal Pradesh		—	571	(2771)
4,	Assam	1585	(122063)	14354	(34475)
5.	Bihar	3491	(363869)	83782	(181781)
6.	Chandigarh	284	(12525)	2844	(10579)
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli.	126	(5954)	306	(2115)
8,	Daman & Diu	41	(1758)	440(E)	(1233)
9.	Ddhi	3185	(133123)	26606(E)	(121972)
10,	Goa	207	(17314)	5381	(19935)
11.	Gujarat	10881	(707150)	94879	(276955)
12.	Haryana	3162	(241884)	79953	(105656)
13.	Himachal Pradesh	284	(52570)	12165	(25536)
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	228	(13027)	22653	(40655)
15.	Karnataka .	5724	(415072)	88513	(244039)
16,	Kerala .	3422	(259238)	86595	(169309)
17.	Laksha Dweep .	—	—	184	—
18.	Madhya Pradesh	3489	(414183)	184245(E)	(158808)
19.	Maharashtra	15489	(1224122)	68003	(355900)
20,	Manipur .	40	(356),	4310(E)	(10216)